IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as the following:

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): An image processor provided with a function for recognizing a specific image in an input image data, comprising:

a recognition unit that recognizes whether the specific image to be prohibited from outputting exists in the input image data, the input image data including a raster image data; [[and]]

a determination unit that determines whether the raster image data in the input image data meets a condition indicating the input image data includes the specific image, and controls the recognition unit not to recognize the specific image if the input image data meets the condition; and

an output image data generation unit that outputs an output image data corresponding to the input image data which is not recognized by the recognition unit,

wherein the condition includes at least a size, a resolution, a number of colors, and a compression format.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): An image processor according to Claim 2, wherein:

the determination unit determines whether a raster image in the input image data meets

the condition or not.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): An image processor according to Claim 3, wherein:

the determination unit determines whether plural raster images are continuous or not if

the plural raster images exist in the input image data and determines whether or not the raster

images determined as being continuous meet the condition as one raster image.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): An image processor according to Claim 2, wherein:

the determination unit determines whether the size of an output raster image to be

included in the output image data is different from a size specified in the condition, and controls

the recognition unit not to recognize the specific image if the size of the raster image is different

from the size specified in the condition.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): An image processor according to Claim 2, wherein:

the determination unit determines whether the resolution of a raster image included in

the input image data is lower than a resolution specified in the condition, and controls the

recognition unit not to recognize the specific image if the resolution of the raster image is lower

than the resolution specified in the condition.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): An image processor according to Claim 2, wherein:

the determination unit determines whether a number of colors included in the input image

data is smaller than a predetermined number of colors, and controls the recognition unit not to

recognize the specific image if the number of colors included in the input image data is smaller

than the predetermined number of colors.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): An image processor according to Claim 2, wherein: the

determination unit determines whether the input image data includes a raster image being

compressed using an irreversible compression method, and controls the recognition unit not to

recognize the specific image if the input image data includes the raster image being compressed

using the irreversible compression method.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): An image processor provided with a function for recognizing a

specific image in an input image data, comprising:

a recognition unit that recognizes whether the specific image to be prohibited from

outputting exists in the input image data;

a determination unit that controls the recognition unit to execute recognition processing

for the input image data at a lower resolution than an output resolution of an output image data

corresponding to the input image data, and controls the recognition unit not to execute a further

recognition processing for the input image data at a higher resolution if a possibility of including

the specific image in the input image data is higher than a predetermined level; and

an output image data generation unit that generates the output image data with the output

resolution, and outputs the output image data.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): An image processor according to Claim 2, wherein:

the output image data generation unit temporarily stops a generation or the output of the

output image data if the determination unit determines that recognition processing by the

recognition unit is required.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): An image processor according to Claim 2, wherein:

the output image data generation unit temporarily stops a generation or the output of the

output image data if the determination unit determines that a possibility of including the specific

image in the input image data is higher than a predetermined level as a result of recognition

processing by the recognition unit.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): An image processor according to Claim 2, ~~further comprising:~~ wherein:

the determination unit executes processing for making determination on image data per predetermined unit or in a predetermined unit being processed; and

the output image data generation unit changes the quantity of the output image data if the determination unit determines, as a result of recognition processing by the recognition unit, that a possibility of including the specific image in the input image data is higher than a predetermined level.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): An image processor according to Claim 10, wherein:

the output image data generation unit stops a generation or the output of the output image data if the recognition unit recognizes the existence of the specific image.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): An image processor according to Claim 10, wherein:

the output image data generation unit outputs fixed data as the output image data if the recognition unit recognizes an existence of the specific image.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): An image processor according to Claim 10, wherein:

the output image data generation unit outputs a character string telling that an existence of the specific image is recognized as the output image data if the recognition unit recognizes the existence of the specific image.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): An image processor according to Claim 2, further comprising:

an output image data generation unit that generates output image data based upon the image data and outputs the output image data, wherein:

the output image data generation unit stops a generation or the output of the output image data if the recognition unit recognizes the existence of the specific image.

Claim 17 (Original): An image processor according to Claim 10, wherein:

the determination unit determines a mode for generating the output image data by the output image data generation unit and commands the recognition unit to execute recognition processing only if the mode is a predetermined mode.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): An image processor according to Claim 2, wherein:

the determination unit executes determination processing in units of page.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): An image processor provided with a function for recognizing a specific image in an input image data, comprising:

a recognition unit that recognizes whether the specific image to be prohibited from outputting exists in the input image data;

a determination unit that determines a mode for outputting an output image data corresponding to the input image data,

and controls the recognition unit not to execute the recognition processing if the mode is ~~not a predetermined~~ <u>a draft</u> mode indicating the specific image does not exist in.the input image data; and

an output image data generation unit that outputs the output image data without the recognition processing.

Claims 20 and 21 (Canceled).

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): A computer-readable storage medium that stores a program for commanding a computer for image processing to execute the functions of:

receiving an input image data;

recognizing whether a specific image to be prohibited from outputting exists in the input image data<u>, the input image data including a raster image data</u>;

determining, by a recognition unit, whether <u>the raster image data in</u> the input image data meets a condition indicating the input image data includes the specific image;

controlling the recognition unit not to recognize the specific image if the input image data meets the condition; and

outputting an output image data corresponding to the input image data which is not recognized by the recognition unit<u>,</u>

<u>wherein the condition includes at least a size, a resolution, a number of colors, and a compression format.</u>

Claims 23-25 (Canceled).

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The image processor according to Claim 2, wherein:

the determination unit determines whether the input image data meets the condition

specifying at least one of; the size of an output raster image to be included in the output image

data, the resolution of a raster image included in the input image data, the number of colors

included in the input image data, and a compression format of a raster image included in the

input image data.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): The image processor according to Claim 2, wherein:

the input image data includes a PDL;

the output image data generation unit converts the PDL to output the output image data;

and

the determination unit determines, before the output image data generation unit starts to

convert the PDL, whether the input image data meets the condition.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): An image processing method, comprising:

receiving an input image data;

recognizing whether a specific image to be prohibited from outputting exists in the input image data, the input image data including a raster image data;

determining, by a recognition unit, whether the raster image data in the input image data meets a condition indicating the input image data includes the specific image;

controlling the recognition unit not to recognize the specific image if the input image data meets the condition; and

outputting an output image data corresponding to the input image data which is not recognized by the recognition unit,

wherein the condition includes at least a size, a resolution, a number of colors, and a compression format.

Claim 29 (New): An image processor provided with a function for recognizing a specific image in a raster image data, comprising:

a recognition unit that executes recognition processing, the recognition processing recognizing whether the raster image data includes the specific based on a first processing condition; and

a determination unit that determines a possibility of the raster image data including the specific image based on a second processing condition, and controls the recognition unit not to

execute the recognition processing on the raster image data if the determination unit determines

that the possibility is low; and

an output image data generation unit that outputs, if the determination unit determines

that the possibility is low, an output image data corresponding to the raster image data on which

the recognition processing is not executed.

Claim 30 (New): The image processor according to claim 29, wherein the second processing

condition includes at least one of a size of an output raster image to be included in the output

image data, a resolution of the raster image, a number or colors included in the raster image data,

and a compression format of the raster image data.

Claim 31 (New): The image processor according to claim 29, wherein the recognition unit

executes the recognition processing at a higher resolution than a resolution at which the

determination unit determines the possibility.